Similar biosphere centres should be set up at the location of each and every national park. At the same time, I demand that the Mahanadi Gorge Sanctuary in Orissa should be converted into a National Park by including Padmatola and Tikrapara.

(iv) Need to take up the matter re: Construction of dams on rivers flowing down to Bihar from Nepal with the Nepalese Government

[Translation]

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI (Sitamarhi) : 'All the main subsidiary rivers flowing in Bihar to the north of the river Ganga originate in Nepal. Out of these rivers Gandak Bagmati, Kamla, Koshi and Adhwara Group of rivers pass through the plains of north Bihar due to which north Bihar is prone to severe floods every year causing huge loss of men and material. Non of the rivers on the Nepal border has high embankments due to which floods become all the more damaging. There is great need constructing high embankments in the plains of North Bihar in order to control floods. An Indo-Nepalese sub-commission had been set up on water resources. This Commission has shown no enthusiasm so far for the development of water resources.

The Central Government is, therefore, urged upon to solve the problem by holding early talks with the Nepalese Government for flood control and construction of high embankments in north Bihar.

(v) Re: Need to lay a New Railway Line between Ariyalur and Salem in Tamil Nadu

[English]

SHRI A. RAJA (Perambalur) : Sir, Premabalur is the Headquarter of my constituency as well as for Perambalur Thiruvallavar district, which is newly constituted last year. The only district headquarter in Tamil Nadu which has not been touched by the railway line is Perambalur. Moreover, throughout my vast constituency, the railway track just crosses only at Ariyalur town which is 30 kms. away from Perambalur. Even at Ariyalur station express trains namely 'Pallavan', 'Pandian', 'Madure Mahal' and 'Vaigai' have no stoppage at all and as such there is not use for my constituency people by these trains.

Similarly another Taluk Headquarter as well as a Municipal Town, Turaiyr of my constituency and another neighbouring Municipal Town Namakal which is having the large lorry operation in Tamil Nadu are also not yet connected by the Railway line. It is a long need and demand of my constituency for more than 50 years to connect these towns by a railway track without appreciation and action. I request the hon. Minister for Railways to take steps to lay a new railway line from Ariyalur to Salem connecting the towns Ariyalur, Perambalur, Turaiyar and Namakal urgently. And for the time being the express trains mentioned earlier may be stopped at least for one minute at Ariyalur-Station which is giving more revenue than the other stations through both, passengers and goods.

(vi) Re: Need to include Sakri reservoir project of Bihar in the Ninth Five Year Plan and release adequate funds for its completion

[Translation]

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : From the upper Sakri reservoir project of Bihar, a total of 83,325 hectares of lands of Jumai, Shekhpura, Nalanda, Nawada, Hazaribagh and Giridih districts is proposed to be irrigated. This scheme has been approved by the T.A.C. of Central Water Commission. A sanction of Rs. 18.373 lakh has been received, in the light of the price index for the year 87-88. Due to non-availability of funds the work on the project has not been started. This scheme is in public interest.

The Government is, therefore, urged upon to include the upper Sakri reservoir project in the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(vii) Need to open more post offices in offices in Erandol Parliamentary Constituency Maharashtra

[Translation]

SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Sir, in my Parliamentary Constituency Erandol (Maharashtra), Specially in its Adivasi, backwards and rural area, post offices are situated at distances of about 4-5 kms. and at several places at distances of 15-20 Kms, due to which the inhabitants of this region have to face great difficulty and do without the postal facilities. These areas also face lack of Dak delivery. People receive their letters after several months due to which many youths are deprived of employment opportunities.

Therefore, through you I would urge upon the hon. Minister to issue orders for setting up more and more post offices in the rural, adivasi and backward areas in the Erandol Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra so that people may get the benefit of postal facilities.

(viii) Need to provide economic package to Himachal Pradesh on the lines of one provided to North-Eastern States

[Translation]

SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Sir, Prime Minister Shri H.D. Deve Gowda toured the eastern States last month during which he announced package programmes everywhere for the schemes of the States and removing backwardness of those States, promising several crores of rupees for solving the problems of the States of that region for which his Government was praised of the hilly regions of that area. But Himachal Pradesh was kept out of these announcements because this State is